GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department– Fixation of Minimum Support Price for Red Chillies, Turmeric, Onions and Minor Millets – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 28 Dated: 09-01-2020

Read the following:-

1. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of AC&FW, MSP for Kharif Crops of 2019-20, F.No 6-1/2019-FES-ES, dated:09.07.2019.
2. From Deputy Economic Adviser (FE), GOI, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of AC&FW,MSP for Rabi Crops of 2019-20, dated 30.10.2019.
3. From Spl.Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP, Guntur, File No.AGC05-12022/6/2019.
4. From Commissioner of Horticulture, AP, Guntur Lr.No.RKVY/56/2019, dated 18-12-2019.

ORDER:

In the references 1st and 2nd read above, Government of India have declared MSP for 22 crops. There are certain crops which are predominantly grown in Andhra Pradesh, but Central Government does not declare Minimum Support Price(MSP). These are turmeric, chilli, onions and minor millets. In the past, the farmers have often complained about lack of remunerative prices and exploitation by middlemen due to lack of MSP for such commodities. Therefore, it is imperative that the Government of Andhra Pradesh comes to the rescue of the State farmers by declaring the MSP and to incur expenditure for MSP operations from the State Government funds, if necessary.

Area & Production:

S.No	Commodity	All India		Andhra Pradesh		% Share of AP in Area	% share of AP in Production
		Acreage (in lakh ha)	Production (in lakh MT)	Acreage (in lakh ha)	Production (in lakh MT)		
1	Minor Millets	4.91	0.37	0.13	0.08	3%	21%
2	Onion	12.63	234.80	0.45	9.80	4%	4%
3	Chilli	7.21	16.90	1.64	9.51	23%	56%
4	Turmeric	2.46	9.31	0.26	3.16	11%	9.4%

2. The crops chosen for declaring the State MSP are selected on the basis of state contribution to the national production and area under cultivation. Andhra Pradesh being an agrarian State, is the leading producer of many commodities. The area under cultivation and annual production of these crops shows the stature of the state in National production. 56% of the national production of Chilli comes from the state. While the State contributes 9.4% to the country's Turmeric production.

3. In the references 3rd and 4th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commissioner of Horticulture have stated that, apart from the cost of cultivation, the last few years' average market rate, the market intervention done in recent past have also been taken into account for arriving at MSP. Based on the above, they recommended the minimum support price (MSP) for the above commodities.

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4. After careful consideration of the entire issue, Government hereby fix the procurement price for the following commodities (which are not covered by MSP announced by Government of India) as below and the expenditure shall be met from Price Stabilization Fund, if situation arises.

S.No	Commodity	MSP Fixed Per Quintal (InRupees)
1	Red Chilli	7000.00
2	Turmeric	6350.00
3	Onion	770.00
4	Minor Millets (Korra, Andukorra, Arika, Variga, Vooda, Sama)	2500.00

5. The quality of the produce shall conform to the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) as decided by Marketing Department.

6. In case the Government of India comes up with MSP/MIS for any of the above Commodities, the higher rate shall be the procurement price. And if the Government of India price is lower than State MSP, the difference will be declared as State bonus.

7. The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in this regard.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0ASD(AC)/110/2019-FMU-AC-CS-AH,dt:26.12.2019.

9. The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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